

RECLAMATION

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President John F. Kennedy dedicates Whiskeytown Dam and Reservoir

Whiskeytown Dam and Reservoir, a part of Shasta/Trinity River Division of the Central Valley Project, was constructed from 1960-1963 and is located on Clear Creek, about 8 miles west of Redding, Calif. The dam provides regulation for Trinity River flows discharged from Judge Francis Carr Powerhouse and regulates the runoff from the Clear Creek drainage area. In addition, the dam releases water into Clear Creek to maintain and enhance the fishery resources. The dam is also protected from flooding by the circular structure located a short distance from shore. Named the Glory Hole because it resembles the trumpet-shaped morning glory flower, this structure allows overflow lake waters to drain. Water cresting the rim of the Glory Hole is funneled under the dam, emptying into Clear Creek below.

The earthfill dam is 282 feet high with a crest length of 4,000 feet. The reservoir, Whiskeytown Lake, has a capacity of 241,100 acre-feet and provides recreation facilities for picnicking, camping, swimming, boating, water skiing, fishing and hunting. Recreation is managed by the National Park Service, and the lake and surrounding area is part of the Whiskeytown National Recreation Area.

On September 28, 1963, a large crowd, estimated at 10,000 people, gathered to hear President John F. Kennedy deliver a speech at the dedication ceremony at Whiskeytown Dam.

For more information on Whiskeytown Dam and Reservoir, please visit:

http://www.usbr.gov/projects/Project.jsp?proj_Name=Shasta/Trinity%20River%20Division%20Project
<http://www.redding.com/news/2013/sep/26/jfks-dedication-of-whiskeytown-dam-remembered/>